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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

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6. (Cancelled)

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11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) A method of lowering blood pressure, comprising administering to a mammal isohumulones, or a hop extract and/or an isomerized hop extract.

13. (Original) A method of preventing, treating or ameliorating hypertension, comprising administering to a mammal isohumulones, or a hop extract and/or an isomerized hop extract.

14. (Original) A method of improving or ameliorating vascular flexibility, comprising administering to a mammal isohumulones, or a hop extract and/or an isomerized hop extract.

15. (Original) A method of improving or ameliorating vascular endothelial function, comprising administering to a mammal isohumulones, or a hop extract and/or an isomerized hop extract.

16. (Original) A method of dilating blood vessels or accelerating blood flow, comprising administering to a mammal isohumulones, or a hop extract and/or an isomerized hop extract.

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of claims 12 to 16~~ claim 12, wherein the isohumulones are selected from the group consisting of isohumulone, isoahumulone, isocohumulones, and combinations thereof.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

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22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Original) A food for lowering blood pressure, comprising isohumulones, or a hop extract and/or an isomerized hop extract.

25. (Original) A food for preventing, treating, or ameliorating hypertension, comprising isohumulones, or a hop extract and/or an isomerized hop extract.

26. (Original) A food for improving or ameliorating vascular flexibility, comprising isohumulones, or a hop extract and/or an isomerized hop extract.

27. (Original) A food for improving or ameliorating vascular endothelial function, comprising isohumulones, or a hop extract and/or an isomerized hop extract.

28. (Original) Food for dilating blood vessels or accelerating blood flow, comprising isohumulones, or a hop extract and/or an isomerized hop extract.

29. (Currently Amended) The food according to ~~any one of claims 24 to 28~~ claim 24, wherein the isohumulones are selected from the group consisting of isohumulone, isoahumulone, isocohumulones, and combinations thereof.

30. (Currently Amended) The food according to ~~any one of claims 24 to 29~~ claim 24, wherein the isohumulones are provided daily in a range of 30 mg to 6000 mg on the basis of an amount of isohumulones.

31. (Currently Amended) The food according to ~~any one of claims 24 to 30~~ claim 24, which is in the form of a drink.

32. (Original) The food according to claim 31, wherein the drink is a non-alcohol drink.

33. (Currently Amended) The food according to ~~any one of claims 24 to 32~~ claim 24, which is a health food, a functional food, a food for specific health use, or a food for patients.

34. (Original) A non-alcohol drink comprising isohumulones, or a hop extract and/or an isomerized hop extract, wherein the isohumulones, or a hop extract and/or an isomerized hop extract are provided daily in a range of 30 mg to 6000 mg on the basis of an amount of isohumulones.

35. (Original) The non-alcohol drink according to claim 34, wherein the isohumulones, or a hop extract and/or an isomerized hop extract are provided daily in a range of 60 mg to 3000 mg on the basis of an amount of isohumulones.

36. (Currently Amended) The non-alcohol drink according to claim 34-~~or~~35, which is a tea drink.